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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0056] as indicated below:

--Once the skin is stretched or pulled into the hand piece, electric current and/or electromagnetic radiation, for example, laser light, incoherent light, blue light, electric current, ultrasonic energy, radio frequency (RF) energy etc. may be applied. Since the target area may now be closer to the surface, the electric current and/or electromagnetic radiation may be ~~more~~ relatively more ~~highly~~ effective in removing or modifying the target cells. In one embodiment, as the laser light, for example, enters the skin, it may be scattered in multiple directions. The light that is scattered outward may be reflected back into the treatment zone by a reflective surface 215 located on the sides and/or top of hand-piece 10. Such a surface may recycle the emitted light and further improve the clinical efficacy.--

Please amend paragraph [0058] as indicated below:

--In one embodiment the air pressure in hand piece 260 may be monitored, for example, using an air pressure monitor, to help determine how much tissue has been pulled between hand piece arms ~~215~~ 205. In another embodiment an indication as to the amount of tissue held may be determined by, for example, an optical and/or electronic conductive apparatus to determine how much tissue is being held between pinching arms ~~215~~ 205. For example, optical sensors may determine the distance between the hand piece arms ~~215~~ 205 and tissue 210. For example, electronic detectors may determine the volume of tissue and/or air between the hand piece arms and the tissue. The application of energy to tissue may be controlled according to the results of the pressure monitoring and/or indication. When a preset pressure is reached, for example, the skin may have stretched to a predetermined amount, and hence it may be safe and effective to apply the light.--

Please amend paragraph [0061] as indicated below:

--According to some embodiments of the present invention the electrical conductivity and/or electromagnetic conductivity of the epidermis may be increased or otherwise altered by applying an electrical and/or electromagnetic conducting medium 15 (e.g., as shown in Fig. 1), for example, a liquid suspension, lotion, gel, liquid, cream, or other suitable material to

the surface of tissue 16. This addition to the skin surface may create, for example, a treatment zone that is more conducive of electric current than the naked skin, and may enable greater control over the effect of an electric current and/or electromagnetic radiation on the skin. Application of an electrical conducting medium and/or electromagnetic conducting medium to the epidermis may help control the variability of the epidermis's electrical resistance, for example, by reducing the epidermis's electrical resistance. According to some embodiments such an application may be desirable to reduce the electrical resistance and/or electromagnetic resistance of the epidermis, for example, to avoid excessive heating. Decreasing the electrical resistance and/or electromagnetic resistance of the outer layers of the epidermis, for example, may result in a more focused absorption of electrical and/or electromagnetic energy into the target cells (e.g., area 240 of Fig. ~~2A~~ 3A), and correspondingly less peripheral damage to the epidermis.--

Please amend paragraph [0082] as indicated below:

-- In one embodiment, as shown in Figure 3A, the suction may pull the targeted bacteria and sebaceous gland closer to the surface so that less light ~~may be~~ from the optical source in area 250 is applied to the skin 210 required for the treatment. In some embodiments scars may be treated or removed by the application of blue light and the usage of cooling elements. For example, to enable scar treatment/removal, the blue light output may be changed from the blue portion of the light spectrum to, for example, the ultraviolet B (UVB) and ultraviolet A (UVA) portion. A similar hand-piece such as a hand piece component with a cooling element may be used.--